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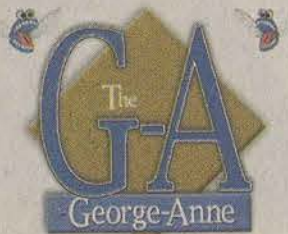
Sports: Eagles one of four SoCon teams in national rankings

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ON THE INSIDE:

Covering the campus like a
swarm of gnats

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy with a high of 74°F
and a low of 57°F.

Opinions

• Tim Prizer thinks our national
pastime is for kids, not
for adults.• Senate Majority Leader Tom
Daschle comments on our gen-
eration's mission.

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Sports

• Eagle Football takes over first
place in SoCon.• Chaz Williams is named SoCon
Player of the Week.• Ant Williams is I-AA Special
Teams Player of the Week.

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Arts
& Entertainment• 'Abandoned' may have had a
nice plot, but it wasn't very well
performed.

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Southern
Events

RECITAL

• Faculty Recital Series
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
October 23, 8 p.m.

LECTURE

• 'Rhetoric on Democratic Trans-
formation: The Case of Poland' Cezar
Ornatowski
Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education
Building
October 24, 7 p.m.

Many students unmoved by cheap gas marketing

Some say gas savings aren't worth getting a gift card

By Jerel Watkins

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Seven of ten Georgia South-
ern students surveyed said they
would not buy gas exclusively
from the Murphy's USA gas
station at its Wal-Mart location,
even though they can save three
cents per gallon.

That's not good news for
super-companies like Wal-Mart
and Kroger as these non-tradi-
tional gas vendors make a bid
to get into the ever-increasing
gasoline market.

"Wall Street Journal" col-
umnist Audrey Warren studied
the practice of grocery stores
expanding their services, and
said that these "super centers"
will more than likely become the
rule and not the exception.

"The result of this is more
opportunity for grocers and
other retailers, especially in a
business where consumers will

go out of their way to save a couple
of bucks," he wrote.

Statesboro's Murphy's gas
prices are advertised in the range
of other stations in the area.
Murphy's, Enmark, Gate Petro-
leum, and Exxon, all located on
Northside Drive East, advertise
regular unleaded gas as \$1.29
per gallon.

All of those gas stations adver-
tise plus at \$1.39 except for Mur-
phy's, \$1.41, and super at \$1.49,
except for Enmark, \$1.42.

While the prices are all similar,
Murphy's still offers three cents
off the gallon with the presentation
of a Wal-Mart Shopping Card or
a student ID.

Warren attributes this cutback
to discount stores having more re-
sources such as deeper pockets and
the ability to buy in larger volumes
than someone who owns a small
number of gas stations.

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Adam Bonner/STAFF

Despite expectations for Wal-Mart to overtake the gasoline market with discount gift card offers,
many GSU students do not plan to use Murphy's USA exclusively.

Statesboro Regional Library
working to fight illiteracy

By Michelle Flournoy

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For some Georgians, picking
up a newspaper raises fear, and
cuddling with a book before
bedtime brings anything but
pleasure.

Functionally illiterate adults
aren't rare in Georgia, yet few
people acknowledge them, and
even fewer can understand how
someone can make it through
the educational system when
basic reading skills are not
mastered.

With one out of every three
adults in Georgia illiterate, cit-
ies across the state have set up
programs to help fight illiteracy.
Statesboro is no different, with
40 adults getting extra help with
their reading skills at the States-
boro Regional Library.

Elaine McDuffie, family lit-
eracy coordinator for the library,

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FACTS ABOUT LITERACY

• Studies have suggested that improving
reading levels will improve health.

• Studies show that reading aloud to chil-
dren, beginning at a very early age, is the
most crucial factor in children's later read-
ing success.

• In 1995, over 4,000 Georgia kindergartners
were not promoted to first grade.

• More than 6.4 million American children
between kindergarten and third grade are
potentially illiterate adults.

• More than 40 percent of fourth graders
read below their grade level.

• In children, illiteracy is strongly associ-
ated with school failure, juvenile delinquency
and teenage pregnancy.

• The Department of Education estimates
that over 40 million Americans are function-
ally illiterate.

Information courtesy of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Weight-loss products often deceive

By Laura Porte

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Consumers spent nearly \$35
billion on health-related items
last year, even with the safety
and effectiveness of these prod-
ucts under speculation because
of claims of false advertising.

The weight-loss industry is
a huge market in America, be-
cause health experts say that 61
percent of adults are overweight
or obese.

With more than half the
population overweight, it's no
wonder weight-loss products
such as Metabolife, Hydroxy-
cut, and Xenadrine were 159
percent more advertised in
2001 than weight-loss prod-
ucts in 1992.

But now the Federal Trade
Commission has found that
most ads feature false claims
or lack adequate proof.

The FTC evaluated 300 ads
from broadcast and cable televi-
sion, infomercials, magazines,
radio, newspapers, supermarket
tabloids, direct mail, and Web
sites. The study found that 40
percent of the ads made at least
one blatantly false claim, and 55
percent made claims that were
unsubstantiated.

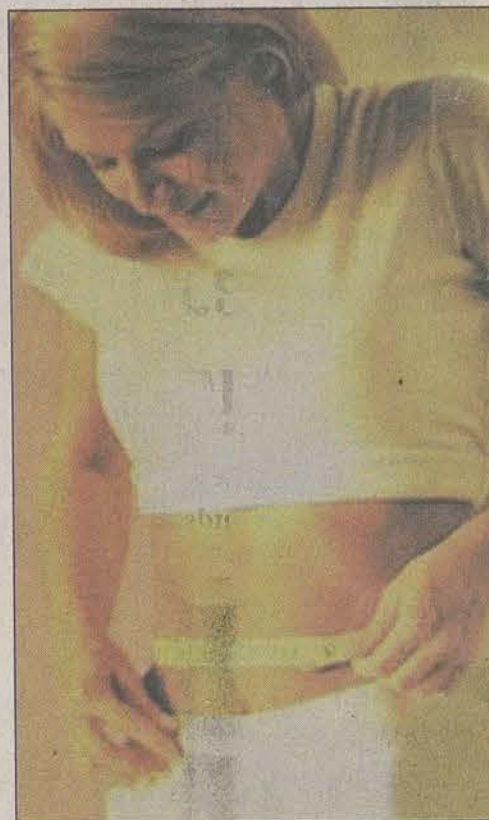
Most ads promise rapid

weight-loss without
surgery, diet, or ex-
ercise.

During the past
decade, the FTC took
legal action against 81
weight-loss advertis-
ers, more than the
previous 70 years
combined. The in-
junctions, however,
have done little to pre-
vent advertisers from
placing an increasing
amount of false or
misleading ads.

"Some of the
products may have
legitimate uses in le-
gitimate markets, but
the claims that are be-
ing made for them are
just beyond detail,"
said Howard Beales,
director of the FTC's
Bureau of Consumer
Protection.

Timothy Muris,
chairman of the FTC
says that laws against
fraudulent advertising
should be sufficient
to combat outrageous claims,
but rules may be needed to help
broadcasters, newspapers, and
others to distinguish between



Internet Photo

Weight-loss pills that claim to be healthy
and effective are now being thoroughly ques-
tioned and disproved by the Federal Trade
Commission.

false and legitimate ads.

Consumers need to be aware

See Pills, Page 3

Enrollment rates official

Fall 2002 semester holds highest
enrollment number in GSU history

By Christopher Johnson

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According to final enroll-
ment numbers for fall semester,
15,075 students are currently
enrolled in classes at Georgia
Southern, marking the largest
enrollment in the school's 96-
year history.

This figure reflects an
increase in the number of
entering transfer students, but
a decrease in the number of en-
tering freshmen. The number
of entering first-time freshman
totaled 2,511 a figure that shows
a 3.8 percent decrease from last
year's total.

Yet total enrollment still
increased despite this. The
reason? Retention rates are
up. Seventy-seven percent
of last year's freshman class
returned to GSU this year.

"That's the most positive
thing," said GSU Registrar
Mike Deal. "Retention rates
are up several points."

The increase in retention is
not limited to freshmen, how-
ever. Sophomore retention saw
a 5.6 percent increase over last
year's figure. Retention of ju-
nior's increased 13.42 percent,

and senior retention increased
16.23 percent.

This increase can be attrib-
uted to a campus-wide effort to
keep current students here, said
Dr. Judith Schomber, director
of Academic Advisement and
Retention.

"This is a student-centered
institution, and we are working
to keep it that way," she said.

Another often over-looked,
yet important portion of the
GSU student population is the
Averitt College of Graduate
Studies. This year's figures
show a 9.4 percent increase in
graduate enrollment.

Mike Backus, GSU's Gradu-
ate Admissions Counselor, said
this increase can be attributed,
in part, to the current state of
the economy.

"Whenever the economy
is down and not doing well,
graduate enrollment increases,"
Backus said.

The college wants to be
recognized and respected,
Backus added. The increase
is viewed as the beginning of
a "great future" for the College
of Graduate Studies.



Police Beat

GSU Police Dept.

10-21-2002

A case of harassment was reported at the Henderson Library.

Officers issued five traffic citations and six traffic warnings, worked three traffic accidents, and assisted two motorists.

10-20-2002

Robert Lee Littles, 17, of West Jones Avenue, Statesboro, was charged with theft by taking.

Dexter Lamont Mincey, 17, of Pine Street, Statesboro, was charged with theft by taking.

Officers assisted four motorists and responded to eight fire alarms.

10-19-2002

Amanda Noel Renard, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

A gas grill was reported missing from the Paulson Stadium parking lot. Officers issued two traffic citations and four traffic warnings, worked one traffic accident, and assisted three motorists.

10-18-2002

Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning, worked one traffic accident, and assisted four motorists.

10-17-2002

Stuart Marion reported someone broke the living room window in the ATO House on Olympic Boulevard.

A resident of Veazey Hall reported the theft of a bicycle.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Doug Kidd, News Editor.

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After Florida election problems, other states to see poll reforms

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - Because of election debacles in Florida, voters in about half the states will see "modest changes" at the polls when they vote Nov. 5, according to a nationwide election-reform study released Tuesday.

But former Attorney General Janet Reno, who lost Florida's Democratic primary for governor Sept. 10 amid serious voting-machine problems, warned Tuesday that Florida's woes could appear elsewhere if officials don't get a better handle on voting technology.

"It's imperative that we master the machines and not let the machines run us," Reno said at a news conference announcing the study. "There's a real lack of cyber-expertise in the nation, and we're seeing that on Election Day. Good hands-on training is essential."

The 50-state report by electionline.org, a nonpartisan Web site of information on election reform, found that many states studied election problems in 2001 and made improvements in 2002.



Special to the G-A

Former Attorney General Janet Reno gives a speech this summer while on the campaign trail in Florida. Reno lost a close race to Bill McBride in the Democratic primary for Governor.

ments in 2002.

At least 20 states adopted statewide registration databases, new voter identification requirements or provisional voting, which allows a voter whose registration is in doubt to cast a ballot that can be verified later.

"No state wanted to be 'another Florida,'" the report found. At the same time, financially strapped states

were reluctant to approve major expenditures for new equipment and training.

Eleven states approved new machinery and other improvements but are waiting for federal funding, and 13 states did nothing.

A landmark election-reform bill that Congress passed this month probably will deliver significant aid to the states next year.

Bush is expected to sign the legislation.

"This year's modest changes will pale in comparison to the likely deluge of state and local election reforms in 2003 and beyond, prompted by the availability of federal funds and the requirements of federal standards," the report found.

Doug Chapin, director of electionline.org, noted that Congress still must approve funding for the \$3.86 billion, five-year election package before any money will reach the nation's 6,800 voting jurisdictions.

All Congress has approved so far is a bill endorsing the plan; it has not yet OK'd spending the cash.

There is a great need for new equipment, better training and more poll workers, said Doug Lewis, executive director of the Election Center.

GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH

Calendar of Events

SOCIETAL MISCONCEPTIONS OF GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED PERSONS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Facilitator: Dr. Nathan Pino, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Dept. Join us for a frank and open discussion of GLBT issues. Topics to include societal myths, historical perspectives of "gay" societies and what defines a person as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. Wednesday, October 23rd Russell Union, Room 2041 7:00 pm

HALLOWEEN NIGHT FILM: THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW is an outrageous assemblage of stereotyped science fiction movies, Marvel comics, and rock n' roll. Running through the story is the sexual confusion of two middle American kids confronted by the decadent morality of the 70's. Join us for this cult classic. You won't want to miss the antics of the zany and mad Dr. Frank N. Furter. Thursday, October 31st

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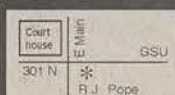


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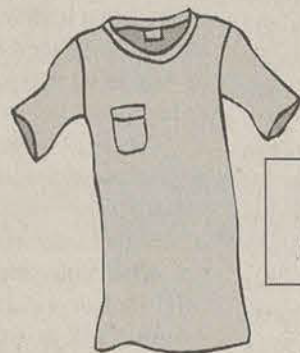
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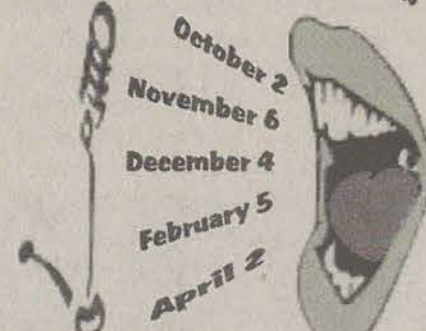
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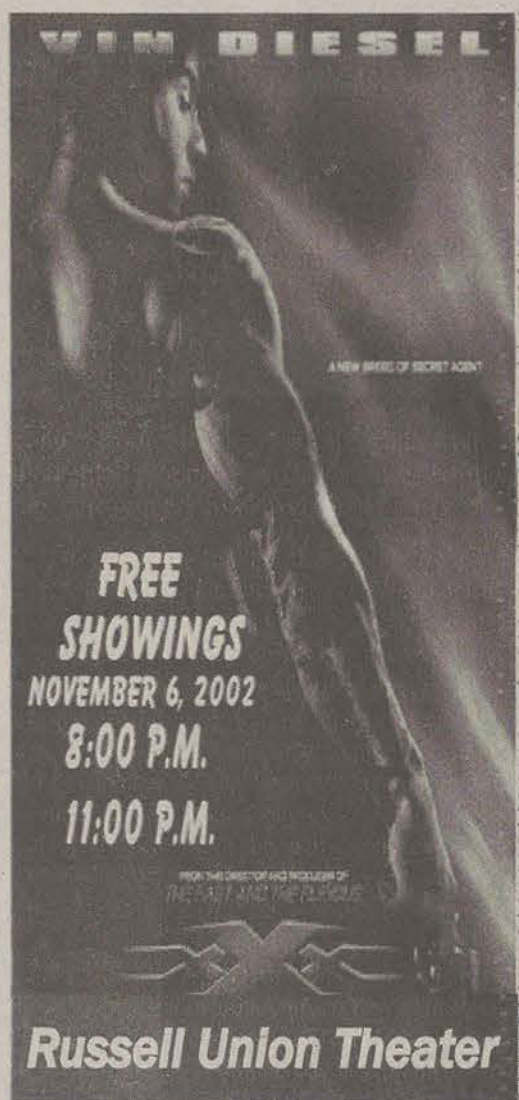
Combines original songs with covers by legendary songwriters such as James Taylor and John Mellencamp

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Seinfeld comic documentary shows bumpy stand-up world

Eighty-one minute 'Comedian' gives us a look at how some jokes fall flat and how some stand-ups find stage success
KRT Campus

Pocket change. Funny money. In Jerry Seinfeld's world of plenty, a reported \$500,000 tab for "Comedian" amounts to roughly one-500th his current net worth and half of his \$1 million take for each latter-day episode of "Seinfeld."

"I figured since I was footing the bill for it, well, if it ended up being this embarrassing mish-mosh, I could just eat it and put it in a trunk where no one will ever have to see it," he says in a telephone interview.

Instead he stands to make another killing. "Comedian," an 81-minute documentary detailing Seinfeld's return as a stand-up, is already giving him a nice, warm buzz. It offers an intriguing, inside look at how one-liners come off the assembly line — or don't.

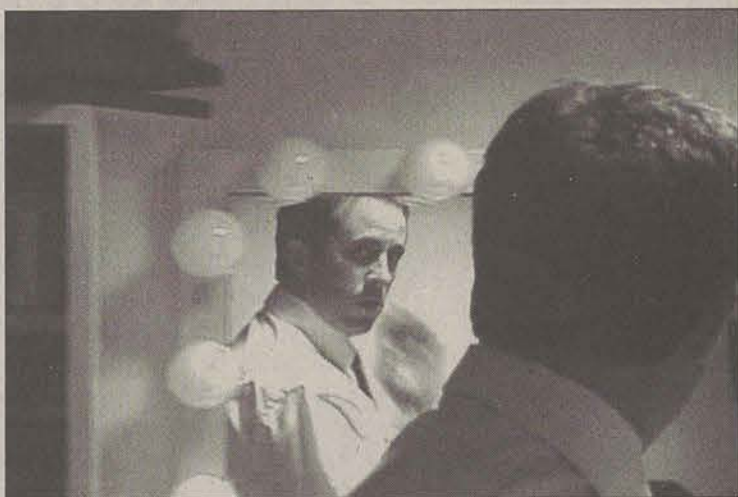
Hard road
Filmmakers Christian Charles and Gary Streiner, who also collaborate with Seinfeld on his American Express TV ads, follow the famed comedian on his start-from-scratch trek to 60 minutes of polished new material.

En route, you'll see a joke-selling Jerry struggling with insecurities and misgivings, rhythms and blues.

"It's so (expletive) hard to get comfortable. It just comes and goes," he laments after another of his unannounced comedy club appearances springs some leaks.

Seinfeld, 48, says the first audience for "Comedian" was his wife, Jessica Sklar, and the couple's nanny.

"Both were equally sort of fascinated by it. I'm kind of learning that people have a curiosity about the whole subculture of the stand-up world and what it's like. I'm pretty accomplished at this, so it's a chance



Special to the G-A

Jerry Seinfeld's creation of a new comedy routine is documented in the new film "Comedian." Seinfeld has been testing new material since leaving television prime time in 1998.

to see that even someone who knows this craft pretty well has to struggle to make it work.

"I mean, stand-up comedy is a part of American life, yet we know very little of how comedians do what they do. I thought I would be a good person to act as a tour guide through this world. The finished product that you see onstage is just the tip of the iceberg of what a person has to do to make that happen."

Semi-retirement

After "retiring" all his previous material in a 1998 HBO special, Seinfeld rapidly domesticated himself with both marriage and fatherhood. He and Sklar, wedded on Christmas Day 1999, have a daughter — she turns 2 on Nov. 7 — and are expecting another child in February.

Seinfeld's new touring stand-up act, launched late last year, includes references to his newfound marital bliss and angst.

Not that he plans to take up the father-knows-least routines of his longtime idol, Bill Cosby.

"I don't want my act to be about my domestic life," Seinfeld says. "But I don't really have any direction for

my act. It's just whatever hits me that day to write about. What I like about being married is I can now talk about the entire spectrum of the human relationship condition. Now I've sat in every seat. It kind of gives me license to discuss the whole thing."

Up-and-comers

"Comedian" also tracks the up-and-coming career of Orny Adams, who is supposed to epitomize Seinfeld's early struggles as a desperate-to-be-famous stand-up. But Adams seems to have both a darker disposition and an overall contempt for unreceptive audiences and life in general.

"I've never felt pain until I started doing comedy," Adams says in the film.

Seinfeld says he's been there.

"The truth is, I see all of myself in him. Except I've been around long enough to know how to disguise it better. The thing that made it great for the film is that he (Adams) doesn't censor himself.

"So to me it's two perspectives on the exact same guy. Only I'm just a little more polished and a little more careful about what I say."

"I mean, stand-up comedy is a part of American life, yet we know very little of how comedians do what they do."

"The finished product that you see onstage is just the tip of the iceberg of what a person has to do to make that happen."

— Jerry Seinfeld, stand-up comic and former actor

At one point, Adams carps, "I'm sorry, this audience sucks" after one of his performances plays dead. Seinfeld says he has gradually outgrown that particular blame game.

"My personal philosophy is that I am where I am because of me. Not that I haven't sat on a stoop after a bad show and complained about the audience.

But the truth is that what makes comedians so unhappy is that they know it's their fault. Underneath they know it's all their responsibility. You can't really blame anyone else for your situation in life or how well you did onstage."

"Comedian" also includes brief appearances by a cavalcade of well-known comedians with whom Seinfeld compares notes during his return trip to the top of the stand-up game.

They include Cosby, Garry Shandling, Chris Rock, Colin Quinn, Robert Klein, Ray Romano and the still remarkably insecure Jay Leno, who says he performs off-camera more than 100 times a year because his job as host of the No. 1-rated "Tonight Show" easily could be taken from him tomorrow.

As a safety net he banks his entire salary from "Tonight" and lives off his proceeds from the road.

GAS, FROM PAGE 1

Warren added that these stores are able to offer one to 10 cent discounts per gallon.

Oil companies said that most customers will likely opt for convenience, instead of driving out of the way to save a few cents.

Nine of the ten students surveyed said they shop at Wal-Mart, but six of them said that they do not buy gas from Murphy's for various reasons.

"I've thought about it, but I never need gas when I'm there," said Laren Duke. "Besides, I'm not really worried about three cents right now."

Jenny Thompson and two other students agreed, saying that it is too much trouble to go to Wal-Mart specifically to buy gas. Laura Carroll and Laura Posey are like a lot of college students, using BP gas cards their parents have provided for them to use.

Jacquie McKay, who chooses not

to shop at Wal-Mart, said she prefers to buy gas from oil companies because of quality.

Warren uses as an example, ChevronTexaco, who offers gasoline using its additive "Techron." The company promotes the additive by saying it reduces emissions and improves performance.

Many oil companies say that their many of their customers, like McKay, come back because they offer reliable gasoline blends and additives.

GSU student Matthew Kersey said that it's just cheaper for him to go Murphy's and get gas while they are in the same parking lot as Wal-Mart.

Sarah Nadel said that while she does not go to Wal-Mart to use the Murphy's gas station, she does try to use the three-cent discount as much as possible.

"Every little bit helps out," she said.

PILLS, FROM PAGE 1

that ads are only a technique for selling a product. Of the ads in the study, consumer testimonials are the most common technique, which nearly always states "results not typical."

The FTC is intent on promoting tougher media self-policing. A forum will be held on Nov. 19 for health officials to discuss ways to prevent publication of weight-loss ads that appear false on the face.

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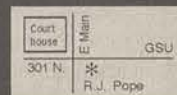


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Eligibility: Students enrolled in four (4) or more semester hours prepay the health fee each semester. This entitles those students to unlimited office visits during the semester. Students taking less than four (4) semester hours may choose to prepay the health fee to receive the same benefits.

A valid Georgia Southern identification card is required for service.

Supplemental Costs: Although the health fee allows students unlimited visits throughout the semester, there are additional costs for such services as prescriptions and immunizations. Payment for these services is due at the time of the visit. Health Services does not file insurance claims, but will provide a detailed invoice for insurance purposes.

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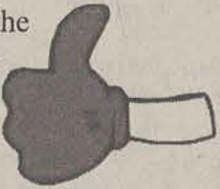
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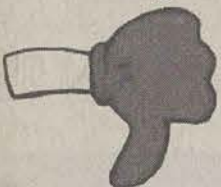
• **THUMBS UP** to the Rolling Stones visiting Atlanta for a show this Saturday.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to the sniper's evil note warning parents about the welfare of their children.

• **THUMBS UP** to GSU Football proving they don't have to have Adrian Peterson, J.R. Revere or Paul Johnson to win.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to no one knowing about National Recycling Day — it's on Nov. 15 this year.



• **THUMBS UP** to hockey season starting.

Thoughts of the day

• A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know.

— H. L. Mencken

• Repetition does not transform a lie into a truth.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The *George-Anne* welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed (double-spaced, please), preferably on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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OPINIONS

Our nation's pastime is for kids, not adults

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For each of us, childhood sentimentality takes its origin in slightly different memories, the content of which depend upon our interests and opportunities as children.

Many young adults think back to the absurdity of role-playing games, games that consisted of tasks we all try to avoid as we grow older. Children, perhaps since creation, have found diversion in pretending to raise a family ('House'), pretending to do class work ('School'), and pretending to have a standard 9-5 middle class occupation ('Work'). These games have forever been encouraged by parents, for their contents assist in acculturating children to the rules and mores set forth by society.

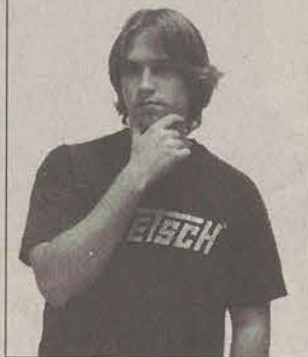
My own experiences in assimilation of customs came in the form of the cherished American national pastime, baseball. The game is played by predominately middle class American citizens and has, in itself, become a sort of folk passion. It has united large urban areas, small farm towns and entire regions of the country. Throughout its history, so closely related to the more expansive history of this nation, the game has produced an abundance of both real and make-believe American folk heroes. Icons such as Mighty Casey, Babe Ruth, Harry Carey, Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig have become woven in the American vernacular as strongly as the notions of freedom, liberty and independence. And the game is further enriched by beloved American songwriters like Bruce Springsteen and John Fogerty, both of whom also frequently write about freedom and oppression.

Nothing brings my childhood racing back to me like the sound of lumber cracking on milky white spheres of hide and red stitches, the smell of freshly mowed outfields and the taste of slaw dogs prepared 'all-the-way.' More than anything, I miss Saturday mornings on the ballfield, the sounds of children in dugouts prattling random sounds of gibberish as good luck charms to teammates. I miss the emphatic yelps of umpires when they ring up a hitter who watched strike three pass them by without a swing.

Luckily for me, I was able to enjoy the game of baseball for what it is first and foremost: a game. I was lucky to have a wonderful coach in the early years of my baseball playing days — my dad. An admitted (and by no means recovering) baseball addict himself, my father understood that the game of baseball is something to soak in and something to enjoy.

The game was designed not to make millionaires out of

TIM PRIZER



able. Many fathers, whether coaches or spectators, turned the game of baseball into something their sons did not for themselves, but for the ego of their fathers. Sadly, the overwhelming majority of the fathers whose sons played in the Kernersville, NC Little League fit into the category my dad and I call "Swaim Dads."

The term refers to pretentious men who have taken the "joy" out of the famous cliché "He's my pride and joy." Kernersville Little League was located on the six fields of the town's Swaim Complex, a virtual heaven for those like myself and the epitome of hell for those who had "Swaim Dads." For those kids whose fathers' sole source of reputation, satisfaction and manliness were the performance of their sons on the baseball field, Swaim Complex certainly was not the Elysian Fields that I remember so well.

The "Swaim Dads" came in varying degrees. There were those stern Southern men who would yell uncontrollably at their sons through the wire fences, using grammar that would embarrass a first grader. "Watch the projectory of the ball, Brandon!" and "Why'd you do that for, Brandon?" one would yell. Others would simply look at their kids in utter disappointment — a look that resembled sadness. This was perhaps the hardest for me to stomach, for the kids had to feel like their fathers were ashamed by the child's mere existence.

The decidedly worst "Swaim Dad" was a man whose son was not quite as talented as most of the other players: Kenny would do his absolute best, but his father could never live with

whiny grown men, but to provide an enjoyable escape from the hardships of adolescence for America's youth. To this day, baseball is a game for little fellas whose ball caps cover the tops of their ears, no matter how many steroid enhanced McGwire's, Bonds' and Rucker's attempt to prove otherwise.

For many of the kids I grew up with on the ballfield, baseball was anything but enjoy-

the fact that his son was not perfect. His father would yell at him to the point that Kenny would cry, and he could never improve out of very real fear of his father. His father's display of verbal abuse was speculated to carry over into more serious physical inflictions in the home, but no one knew for sure.

Disgracefully, this does not happen solely where I grew up. Making national news now are stories of fistfights between parents, fathers pulling guns on other fathers at the ballfield, and kids being driven to suicide by their fathers' demands for athletic improvement. When fathers use their children to boost their own self-worth, they are diminishing that of the child for whom the game is being played in the first place.

I do not speak of high school ballplayers here; I am referring to little guys whose baseball gloves are usually made of nothing more than synthetic plastic. Baseball was invented for them and them alone — not for men in limousines flashing gold chains to pick up Hooters waitresses, and certainly not for their fathers.

Yes, it's fall again. And for folks like me, that means only one thing: it's time for kids to make lifelong memories on the ballfield. It's time for them to be left alone to soak in the sights, the sounds, the smells and the tastes of the most beautiful game in the world.

Play ball, children.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

In moral defense of Israel

I'd like to follow on the heels of the column the G-A penned by Lawrence Summers, president of Harvard University, with regards to the rising tide of anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli sentiment among college campuses. Though the article was well written and accurate, Mr. Summers, like many other defenders of Israel, fails to present the moral basis for why America should support Israel. And that moral basis is: a culture of life over a culture of death.

Any and all religious connections to American Christians aside, Israel is, objectively speaking, a moral state. It is a Westernized democracy that recognizes the individual rights of its citizens (Jews, Muslims, and Christians alike) and protects their liberties such as: freedom of the press, freedom of speech and assembly, freedom of religion and from religion, private property, and a market-oriented economy. More importantly, Israel only uses military force in retaliation to the aggression of its neighbors or the Palestinian Authority.

Observe that all Arab countries, including the Palestinian Authority, are either dictatorships or theocracies. These nations are ruled by thugs (or gangs thereof, as in the case of Saudi Arabia) who not only fail to recognize individual rights, but harass, torture, rape, or murder those who engage in political dissent. Nations that abuse the rights of their own citizens, can claim no rights of their own; much less criticize the alleged "abuses" occurring in other countries. Therefore, it is patently absurd for Israel's Arab neighbors to claim that Israel is violating the rights of Palestinians.

Furthermore, the land that Israel now "occupies" was captured in a war that was initiated by its Arab neighbors. And now Israel's Arab neighbors (Syria in particular) demand the return of that land, no doubt so their despots can perpetuate their sponsorship of terrorism much closer to Israeli cities and settlements.

Why is acceptable for America to retaliate against its terrorist enemies, but not Israel? If Canada and Mexico were under the thumb of nihilistic dictators bent on wiping the United States off of the map, would we have not annihilated them by now, the opinion of foreigners be damned?

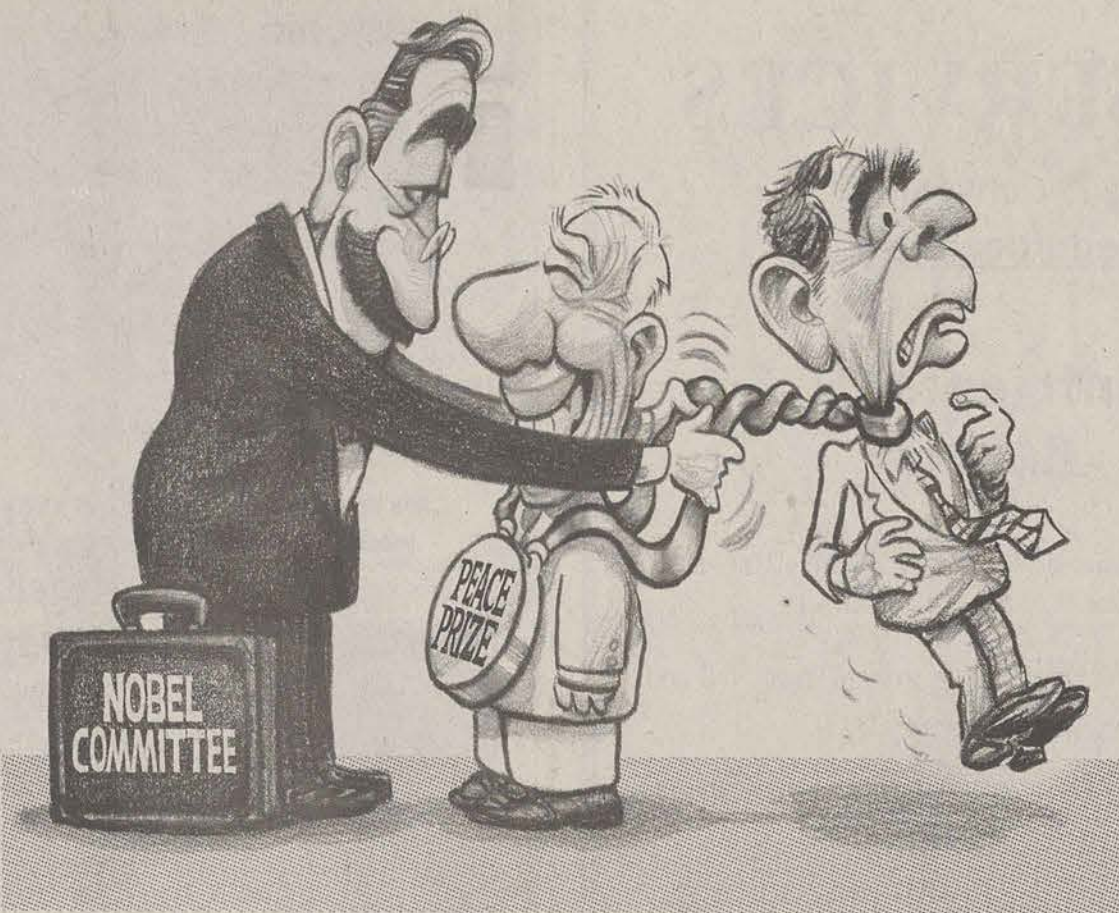
The solution, therefore, is for America and the West to cease in its unprincipled calls for Israeli "moderation" and instead allow Israel to defend itself against those who would destroy it and wipe it from the map.

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Our nation's challenges, your generation's mission

A word of advice and encouragement from Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle

By Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle

In 1968, I sat in a car with three friends and drove for hours to hear Robert Kennedy speak. We had no air conditioning, our quarters were cramped, and we were running late, with no time to get out and stretch our legs.

On the drive back not one of us doubted that the trip had been worth every mile of discomfort. That speech, and others like it, helped clarify the challenges that faced my country and my generation, and helped convince me that I could make a difference. The course that had first been plotted with John F. Kennedy's election had finally led me, and many other members of my generation, to the realization that we had to take an active role in addressing the problems of our world.

I believe your generation's mission came into greater focus on September 11th, 2001. The events of that tragic day shocked and horrified us all, causing an entire nation to wonder how this could have happened, and what we could do to help in its aftermath. September 11th also gave a new generation cause to wonder what differences they could make in the future of our country and our world.

The unity and sense of common purpose that swept the country created an opportunity to strengthen our nation in every sense of the word by working together to promote real, positive change. If the only lasting change in our behavior is our willingness to arrive at the airport earlier, we will have failed to seize that opportunity.

Every elected official, Democrat and Republican, understands

that the safety and security of the American people is our first responsibility. Democrats, however, also understand that the challenges we face go beyond national security and homeland security. They involve the protection of the quality of our air and water; help in affording college tuition, the type of jobs and the strength of the economy waiting for you when you graduate, the status of women's rights and workers' rights and civil rights, the integrity of our system of capitalism, and the future we're building for today's seniors and tomorrow's workers.

Many of you are helping to meet these challenges already, by volunteering your time, by organizing campus events or by mentoring neighborhood children. For all that you do, however, there is one simple activity which can influence everything else. You can exercise your right to vote.

I was first elected to Congress by 14 votes out of a quarter of a million votes cast, so I know in a very personal way how much every vote counts. In the 2000 presidential race, the whole country learned how breathtakingly important just a few votes can be. And this year, your vote could be the one that tips the balance of power in Congress and defines the direction of our national policy agenda.

I would argue that, during the past year, Democrats have used our majority in the Senate to enact positive change, and to keep inadequate and even harmful legislation from slowing our national progress. We have passed tough accounting reform to guarantee accountability in our nation's largest corporations. We have also enacted real election reform, passed a bill that

invests in renewable sources of energy, and made real progress on lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

We have also prevented drilling in the protected Alaskan wilderness, and blocked a policy that would prevent students who have several student loans from consolidating them into one loan with fixed interest rates, effectively increasing the cost of college loans — and therefore the cost of college — for the very students who are having a hard time affording it to begin with.

There are real differences to be decided in this election, and real differences between the candidates. More than ever, what course we choose will make a difference — to you, your lives, and your future. So I urge you to get involved in this year's elections, regardless of your party preference. One place you can start is by going to my political website, and clicking on the 'Including Youth' section.

In 1787, near the end of the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was approached by a woman who asked him, "Dr. Franklin, what have you given us?"

"A republic," he replied. "If you can keep it." Now is your time to not only keep our republic but to strengthen it. Now is your time to shape America to your ideals, and that work begins at the ballot box.

Senator Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Democrat from South Dakota, was first elected to Congress in 1978. He has served in the U.S. Senate since 1986, and has served as Majority Leader since 2001. He is not currently up for re-election.

LITERACY, FROM PAGE 1

said boosting reading levels is the objective of the course.

"The main goal of the program is to get them to function at a fifth, sixth, or seventh grade level," she said. "Then if they demonstrate interest we will help get them ready for the PGED and then the GED."

Since classroom settings often lead to failure for illiterate adults, the literacy program matches adults who are unable to read or who read below a fourth grade level with tutors who they meet with several times a week.

The Statesboro Regional Library's literacy program also works with family literacy. Parent workshops

are held to encourage parents to read to children, and 15,000 books are given away to area schools.

McDuffie said that the illiterate learn to hide their problem to make it through the system.

"Social promotion is a problem now, and it was an even bigger problem 20 or 30 years ago," McDuffie said.

McDuffie said the illiterate cope with their situation by getting relatives to read to them. Maintaining employment is often difficult since the illiterate don't want to be found out.

"Have you ever been behind someone in the 10 items or less line with a buggy full of groceries?" she

said. "A lot of times it is people like this that can't read."

McDuffie also said fear is a barrier for the illiterate, noting that many illiterate individuals do not reach for help until they are involved with academic issues concerning their children's teachers.

Ogeechee Tech also offers courses for people interested in receiving a GED, though the program does not start at the basic level that the Statesboro Regional Library's does.

Jamie Smith, a representative from Ogeechee Tech's adult education program, said that sometimes individuals do come in who are illiterate.

"We work with illiterate people on a very low level or send them to

the literacy program at Statesboro Regional library," Smith said.

The last National Assessment of Adult Literacy was done in 1992, and it provided evidence that four to six percent of the United States' population is illiterate.

These figures are based on individuals who either answered no questions correctly or said they could not read well enough to answer the questions on the assessment.

The assessment revealed common characteristics among those who scored the lowest: they are typically older and less educated.

Poverty seemed to be related to the findings, since about 40 percent scoring lowest were below the poverty line.



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Eagles sitting on top spot in SoCon

The Eagles topped undefeated Appalachian State to take over first place in the Southern Conference

By Eli Boorstein
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There is a new team atop the Southern Conference standings as Georgia Southern took over first place after beating previously unbeaten Appalachian State last Saturday.

The Eagles will try to keep their spot at number one when they visit The Citadel, one of five games on the SoCon schedule this weekend.

After five league games, Georgia Southern sits at 4-1 in conference play, with Appalachian State, Furman, and Wofford all nipping at their heels at 3-1. East Tennessee State sits at 2-2 with VMI, The Citadel, Western Carolina, and Chattanooga rounding things out.

In last Saturday's action, East Tennessee State opened up the action, beating Elon 31-15 in Johnson City. Elon, who will join the conference next season, could not contain Bucs wide receiver Cecil Moore, who reeled in four touchdown passes from quarterback Jatavis Sanders.

Furman dispatched The Citadel with ease, beating the Bulldogs 37-10 in Charleston. The Paladins never trailed as they totaled 508 yards of total offense on the day. Citadel quarterback Jeff Klein was picked off four times by the Furman defense.

Georgia Southern shined in front of a regionally televised audience overcoming Appalachian State 36-20 in Statesboro. The Eagles were led by another big day on the ground as quarterback Chaz Williams, fullback

Jermaine Austin, and slotback Mark Myers each ran for over 100 yards.

Chattanooga remained winless, losing to VMI 35-31 in front of desolate home crowd of 5,237. The Mocs had a 31-28 edge in the fourth quarter, but saw the lead disappear when Keydet running back Sean Mizzer ran for a touchdown, one of two scores for the freshman.

Wofford closed out the weekend's festivities when they held off Western Carolina for the 31-24 victory in Spartanburg. The Terriers had a 31-10 lead at one point in the final quarter, but saw the Catamounts bring the score within seven with just over a minute left. The onside kick then went out of bounds, letting Wofford run out the rest of the clock.

VMI opens up this weekend's action when they welcome Big South foe Liberty to Lexington for 1 p.m. kickoff. The Keydets, 4-4 overall with a 2-3 league mark, will try to reach five wins in a season for the first time in 20 years. The 2-5 Flames of Liberty have already faced two SoCon teams this season, falling to Appalachian State and Western Carolina.

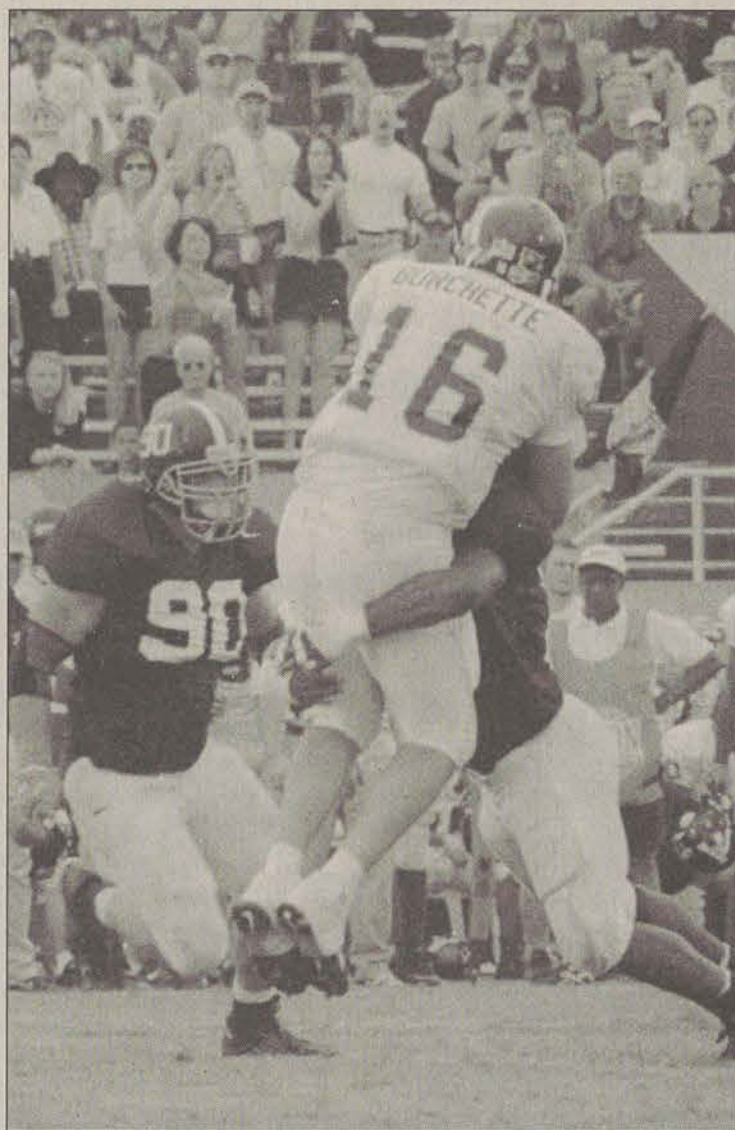
No. 10 Georgia Southern will go for their fifth straight victory when they make the trek to Charleston to face The Citadel at 2 p.m. If the 2-5 Bulldogs have any chance of upsetting the Eagles, they will need to contain Chaz Williams. The sophomore quarterback has hit triple digits in rushing five times

this season, including each of his last four games.

The two bottom teams in the SoCon, will face off when Chattanooga travels to face Western Carolina in Cullowhee at 2 p.m. The 0-7 Mocs are led behind center by UCLA transfer Ryan McCann, who passed for a season-high 260 yards last weekend in a loss to VMI. The Catamounts, 3-5 overall with a 1-4 league mark, are led by Pat Cilento, who completed 30-of-37 passes for 295 yards in their loss to Wofford.

No. 8 Appalachian State will try to rebound from their first conference loss when they welcome No. 25 Wofford to Boone for a 2 p.m. start. The 5-2 Mountaineers have ruled the Terriers, winning eight straight meetings with Wofford, stretching back to 1973. The Terriers, also 5-2 overall, will count on the return of halfback Jesse McCoy, who sat out last weekend's game with a concussion.

The final game on this weekend's SoCon slate will see No. 4 Furman travel to Johnson City to face East Tennessee State. The 5-2 Paladins will rely on the arm of quarterback Billy Napier who leads the league passing for 215 yards per game while completing nearly 70 percent of his passes. The 4-4 Bucs also will count on their quarterback as Jatavis Sanders had a career performance against Elon, completing 17-of-29 passes for 287 yards and four touchdowns.



Adam Bonner/STAFF

The Georgia Southern Eagles caused a rumble in the Southern Conference standings by outscoring App. St. 36-20. The Eagles are now number one in the conference, and App. St. is number two.

SoCon has four teams in national rankings

G-A News Service

The Sports Network has released its polls for this week and the Southern Conference claims four of the top 25 spots and three of the top ten. Furman returns back to the number four spot after a 37-10 win at home versus The Citadel. The Paladins defense hauled in four interceptions to control the Citadel passing attack. The Paladins return to the number four ranking in the nation for the first time since the second week of the season.

Appalachian State stays in the top ten, claiming the eighth spot in the nation, after dropping a 36-20 decision to Georgia Southern in Statesboro.

Georgia Southern rounds out the top ten in the nation with its tenth place ranking. The SoCon's topped ranked rushing offense gained 364 ground yards and 437 yards of total offense in the contest last week. The Eagles defeated the then third ranked Appalachian State squad 36-20 in Statesboro to return to the top ten for the first time since mid-September.

Wofford claims the 25th spot in the rankings after flying just below the top 25 radar last week. The Terriers posted a 31-24 win over Western Carolina last week despite some key injuries on both sides of the ball.

The Southern Conference is the only conference in the nation to have three teams occupy three of the top ten places in the ranking.

Chaz Williams named SoCon Player of the Week

G-A News Service

The SoCon today named its football players of the week for games played on Saturday, October 19.

Georgia Southern quarterback Chaz Williams was named the Offensive Player of the Week, linebacker Lamar Beam of East Tennessee State was named the Defensive Player of the Week and VMI running back Sean Mizzer earned Freshman of the Week.

Williams, a 5-10, 210-pound sophomore from Apopka, FL, rushed for 117 yards on 28 carries in Georgia Southern's 36-20 win against third-ranked Appalachian State on Saturday. It marked the fourth straight 100-yard rushing day for Williams who also completed three of six passes for 73 yards including a 62-yard pass to Zstream Walden. Williams led Georgia Southern to 437 yards of total offense including 364 on the ground. Williams also ranks 18th in

the nation in rushing this week and fifth nationally in scoring.

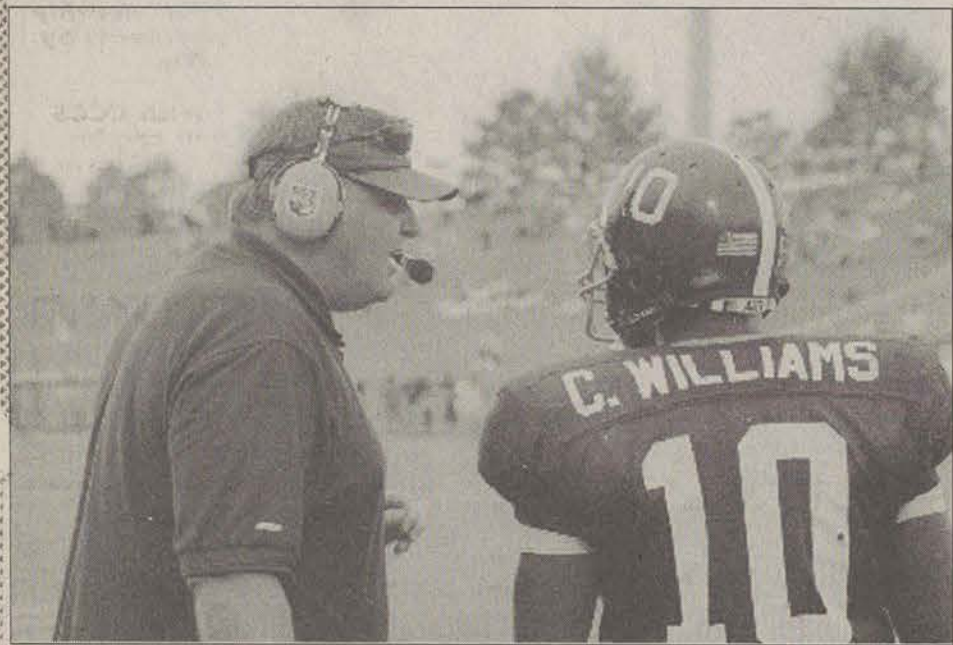
Beam, a 6-3, 225-pound sophomore linebacker from Shelby, NC, had an outstanding day as ETSU defeated Elon, 31-15 on Oct. 19. Beam recorded a game-high 11 tackles including six tackles for loss and four quarterback sacks. He contributed mightily on the most important series of the game. After cutting ETSU's lead to 31-15 in the fourth quarter and then recovering an onside kick, the Phoenix were at the ETSU 40-yard line. Beam recorded two sacks of Elon quarterback James Murtaugh on the ensuing series.

Mizzer, a 5-9, 175-pound freshman from Prince Frederick, MD, rushed for a career-high 125 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries in VMI's 35-31 win at Chattanooga on Oct. 19. Mizzer had a pair of two-yard touchdown runs including the go-ahead score midway

through the fourth quarter. He became the first Keydet frosh since 1998 to rush for over 100 yards in a game.

Also receiving strong consideration for Offensive Player of the Week were ETSU quarterback Jatavis Sanders who threw for a career-high 287 yards and four touchdowns in the win over Elon, and Wofford fullback J.R. McNair who had 93 yards rushing and two scores in a win over Western Carolina. On defense, Georgia Southern's Joe Scott received consideration after recording 12 tackles in the win over Appalachian State as did Furman linebacker Cedrick Ritter, who had 14 tackles and an interception in a victory over The Citadel. Among freshman nominees, ETSU's Primus Glover had three tackles and an interception, GSU's Jermaine Austin rushed for 133 yards on 18 carries and Wofford's Aaron Johnson had 81 yards on seven carries against WCU.

Quarterback Chaz Williams listens to some pointers from Coach Sewak while leading the App. St. game with 117 rushing yards and 73 passing yards. The Player of the Week honor marks the second time Williams has won.



Adam Bonner/STAFF

Ant Williams honored as I-AA Special Teams Player of the Week

The Sports Network

Grambling State quarterback Bruce Eugene, Saint Mary's (CA) safety Weston Borba, and Georgia Southern return man Anthony Williams have been honored as national I-AA players of the week by The Sports Network, the division's most widely recognized information service.

Eugene passed his team to a sizeable win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Borba took matters into his own hands in a victory against Cal Poly, and Williams'

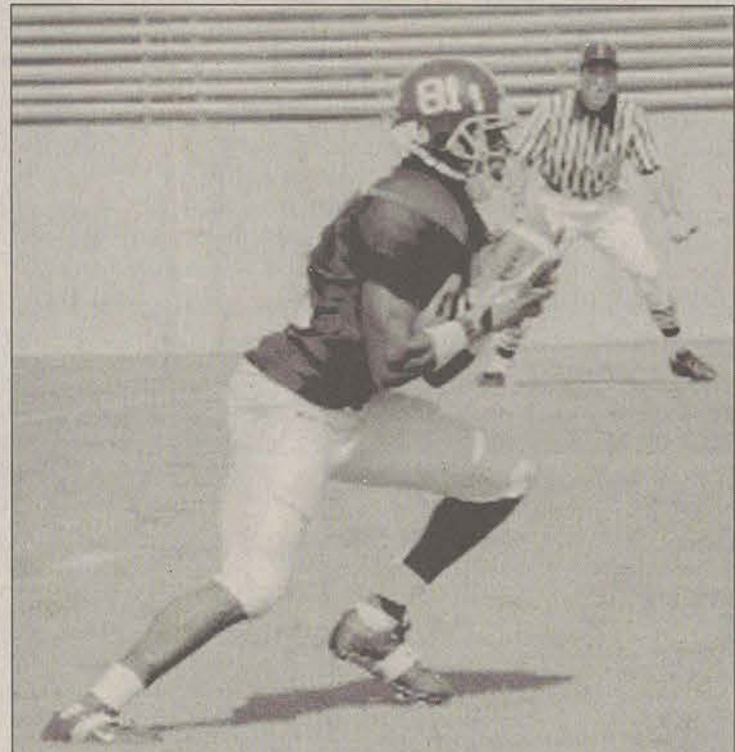
electrifying kickoff return sparked Georgia Southern to a key win over Appalachian State.

Offensive Player of the Week: Bruce Eugene, Grambling State - Sophomore, Quarterback, 6-0, 245, New Orleans, LA. Completed 23 of 38 passes for 374 yards and seven touchdown passes as Grambling State routed Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 54-15...also rushed for 53 yards on the day, accounting for 427 yards of total offense...ranks first in I-AA points responsible for (21.14 per

game), fourth in total offense (310.3 yards per game), and 11th in pass efficiency (147.6).

Defensive Player of the Week: Weston Borba, Saint Mary's (CA) - Junior, Free Safety, 6-3, 205, Chowchilla, CA. Intercepted two passes, returning both for touchdowns as Saint Mary's (CA) defeated Cal Poly, 35-17...first touchdown came from 25 yards in the second quarter, helping Gaels claim a 10-7 lead...second return was from 85 yards away in the fourth quarter, sealing the game for SMC...also had seven tackles and broke up three passes on the day...leads Saint Mary's (CA) with 84 tackles and three interceptions, and now has 11 career picks.

Special Teams Player of the Week: Anthony Williams, Georgia Southern - Senior, Kick Returner, 5-9, 170, Stone Mountain, GA. Took the opening kickoff and raced 93 yards for a touchdown, setting the tone for Georgia Southern's 36-20 upset of No. 3 Appalachian State...was the first kickoff return for a score of his career and the first by an Eagle since September 18, 1999 when Bennie Cunningham posted an 89-yard kickoff return at Oregon State...return for a touchdown was the first to open a game for Georgia Southern since November 19, 1983, when Melvin Bell brought back the opening kick 91 yards against Valdosta State -- a span of 250 games...totaled 110 yards on two kickoff returns on the day, and also fielded two punts for 12 yards...leads I-AA in kickoff return average (32.67), and ranks 26th in punt return average (11.86).



Adam Bonner/STAFF

Senior Anthony Williams returned 92 yards for an opening kickoff return Saturday against App. St. to earn him the national honor of I-AA Special Teams Player of the Week.

Bo's BOTTOM LINE: I'm through hearing all of your excuses

Bo Fulginiti



Georgia Southern's win over Appalachian State Saturday was a defining moment.

For first year coach Mike Sewak it was his coming out party: He won in convincing fashion against the SoCon's finest, so even his toughest critics have to stand up and tip their caps.

For senior return man Anthony Williams it was the cherry on the sundae: Opening the game with a 93-yard kickoff return, he set the tone for the Eagles' big win and The Sports Network took notice of his efforts naming him "Special Teams Player of the Week" in I-AA football.

And for the student body of GSU it was a complete embarrassment: As the Fox sports cameras panned to a meager

section of Georgia Southern students who showed up late, left early, didn't wear navy blue, and were representing the majority who didn't show up at all, it proved to a nation of viewers that the school spirit in this town sucks.

Week after week I hear the same excuses why you people had somewhere else to be or something better to do.

Excuse #1: "It's too early, and I was recovering from a wild Friday night."

Bo's Bottom Line: It was at 3:30 in the afternoon, and most of you who didn't make it to Paulson were probably picking up right where you left off when you passed out on your friend's living room floor.

Excuse #2: "It's just too hot for me

to stand there for three hours."

Bo's Bottom Line: It was 75 degrees with a slight breeze and overcast most of the afternoon, so try again.

Excuse #3: "We never play anyone good."

Bo's Bottom Line: We played one of our most hated rivals, and the very same team picked by many to be making trip to Chattanooga in December.

Excuse #3: "These games are all blowouts anyway."

Bo's Bottom Line: If you knew anything about our classic battles with the Mountaineers, then you would know that it's always close, and for three and a half quarters it was.

Excuse #4: "I had to stay home

to catch the Bulldog game on Television."

Bo's Bottom Line: I shouldn't even have to go here, but they were playing Vanderbilt for crying out loud...and the game was almost over by 3:30 anyway.

Excuse #5: "I had to go home and see my parents because I haven't seen them all semester."

Bo's Bottom Line: You knew about this game last spring, so why not wait a week. They will be in Charleston taking on the Citadel, and I know that you won't be making the road trip if you can't even make the walk down Lanier Drive.

What it boils down to is that we have an awesome thing here in

Statesboro, and most of you take that for granted.

I spent 12 long hours on I-95 just to be here, and for a damn yankee I take more pride in living in this south Georgia town than most of you natives do.

If you love Athens so much then go there.

If you don't like sports then I respect that, but don't walk around campus with your University of Texas caps and Michael Vick jerseys pretending that you do.

Just remember what I said before: In December if we rush the field to take down another set of goalposts, you keep your ass at home because that moment is reserved for the Eagle faithful that were there from the beginning.

"Never miss a good chance to shut up."
—Don't Squat With Your Spurs
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Classifieds, Etc.



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1 Salad green
6 Sooty matter
10 Thompson of "Carrington"
14 Jumped
15 Phnom
16 Cambodia
17 Actor Davis
18 Brickell or McClurg
19 Peaceful
20 Mt. Whitney's range
23 Baja California seaport
24 Singer Brewer
28 Sun. oration
29 Turns into
30 Money manager: abbr.
33 Office fasteners
36 Gertrude's tapestry
39 Snigger's prey
40 Eagles' home
41 Certain serving basins
44 Took chairs
45 Single copy
46 However, for short
49 Going out with
50 Silver-tongued liar
55 Compromising periods
57 One opposed
60 Animal's den
61 Worker's equipment
62 Brummell or Bridges
63 Perry's creator
64 First name in cosmetics
65 Molecular building block
66 Mach tappers
67 Pauses

DOWN
1 Near
2 Spruce juice
3 Relax
4 Pinnacles
5 "Tristram Shandy" author
6 Pay out

7 Play by Euripides
8 Part of UNLV
9 Broadway building
10 Salad green
11 Media business grp.
12 de mer
13 S dispenser
21 Org. for seniors
22 First record label to use
25 Bahrain rulers
26 Reddish brown
27 Something valuable
29 "For Whom the Tolls"
30 Max. and Ann. e.g.
31 Bluenose
32 Palmer of golf
34 Long, long time
35 Church bench
37 Element
38 number 89
39 Glisten

42 Hesitates out of fear
43 Greek portico
47 Spicier
48 Lazy
50 Wading bird
51 Bogs down
52 Owl calls
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54 Snaking curves
56 Rowboat
57 Attys.' org.
58 Seine
59 The Chinese "way"

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Solutions

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1 SALAD GREEN
6 SOOTY MATTER
10 THOMPSON OF "CARRINGTON"
14 JUMPED
15 PHNOM
16 CAMBODIA
17 ACTOR DAVIS
18 BRICKELL OR MCCLURG
19 PEACEFUL
20 MT. WHITNEY'S RANGE
23 BAJA CALIFORNIA SEAPORT
24 SINGER BREWER
28 SUN. ORATION
29 TURNS INTO
30 MONEY
33 OFFICE FASTENERS
36 GERTRUDE'S
39 SNIGGER'S PREY
40 EAGLES' HOME
41 CERTAIN SERVING BASINS
44 TOOK CHAIRS
45 SINGLE COPY
46 HOWEVER, FOR SHORT
49 GOING OUT WITH
50 SILVER-TONGUED LIAR
55 COMPROMISING PERIODS
57 ONE OPPOSED
60 ANIMAL'S DEN
61 WORKER'S EQUIPMENT
62 BRUMMELL OR BRIDGES
63 PERRY'S CREATOR
64 FIRST NAME IN COSMETICS
65 MOLECULAR BUILDING BLOCK
66 MACH TAPPERS
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DOWN
1 NEAR
2 SPRUCE JUICE
3 RELAX
4 PINNACLES
5 "TRISTRAM SHANDY" AUTHOR
6 PAY OUT
7 PLAY BY EURIPIDES
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9 BROADWAY BUILDING
10 SALAD GREEN
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21 ORG. FOR SENIORS
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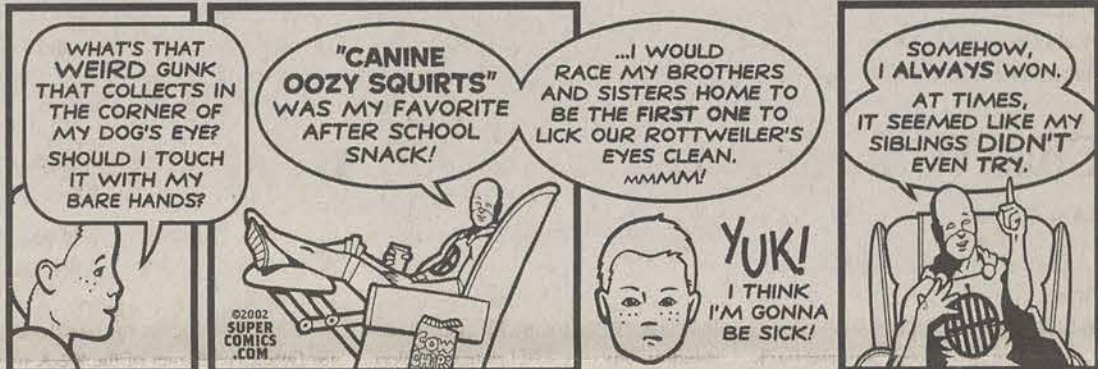
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Katie Holmes leaves audiences 'Abandoned'

By V.A. Patrick Slade
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Is there any way that Katie Holmes can escape her "Dawson's Creek" persona?

If her choice to star in Paramount Picture's "Abandon" is any indication, then she will forever be engrained in our heads as lovable, innocent Joey.

This movie absolutely had its heart in the right place, but it was executed totally wrong. Giving that the same writer of the Oscar award winning "Traffic" wrote it, the movie seems to have been nothing more than a trailer friendly movie.

Moments seen on the preview gave away the only "good" parts of the film.

Holmes stars as Catherine, a college student at an Ivy League school. She's on the verge of graduation with many opportunities for work. Her life is working out perfectly: she has great friends, she is very loved

by every guy on the campus and has no enemies.

At least that the audience knows of.

But she deals with many things from her past. The audience finds out that her father abandoned her at an early age. Holmes' character also comes from a very poor background. But she didn't let that get her down, and has overcome adversity to end up at the head of her class.

The plot begins to take form as her ex-boyfriend is declared a missing person, and a detective begins to ask her questions about his disappearance.

The detective, played by Benjamin Bratt, also deals with many demons himself as he tries to crack the case. As his investigation starts to take form, so do his feelings for Catherine.

But before it can get any further, Catherine's boyfriend resurfaces back in town and starts to stalk her.

The ex-boyfriend, an orphaned inheritor of millions, played by Charlie Hunnam – alum from Fox's defunct "Undeclared" – is back in town unseen by many as he spies on Catherine from afar.

But Catherine gets wind of his reemergence and begins to fear for her life – which the audience can't figure out why. What ensues is a roller coaster ride of emotions that leads Catherine almost to the brink of a nervous breakdown. She neglects her schoolwork, which could mean disaster for graduation.

The acting in this movie seems to be up to par. Katie Holmes gives one of the best performances of her career. But that doesn't say much. What is "Dawson Creek" but a series of whines and kissing? Doesn't really require much acting, does it? She doesn't really bring much to the table.

But Benjamin Bratt, on the other hand, seems to get better with every movie that he makes. He embodies the detective that has a serious alcohol problem. The overall acting was

impressive.

The directing of rookie Stephen Gaghan, also the writer of the film, brings a unique interpretation to the screen.

It seems very choppy and extremely confusing. Yes, the audience is supposed to feel the disorder going on in Catherine's head, but it leaves the audiences clinging to their seats and grinding their teeth in reaction to it. It leaves many unanswered questions as why he chose some of the ways in which he decided to direct the film.

As a first time director he has the concept, but he doesn't quite grasp it totally.

"Abandon" is one of those films that should not be left in movie theaters. This would better serve an HBO, or Showtime viewing – maybe not.

Grasping at straws or counting sheep would be better ways of occupying your time than to waste it on this movie.

The concept is interesting, but it could have been played out better.



Internet Photo

Katie Holmes and Charlie Hunnam star in cinema's latest teen thriller, 'Abandon.'

David Bottoms comes to the 'Boro

By Alston Arras
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David Bottoms recounted his upbringings and presented an honest reading about his life and his literary work Monday night in the auditorium of the Education Building to a large crowd.

As one student who witnessed the singular quality of David Bottoms reading stated, "I'm not really interested in poetry, but the narrations that proceeded the poems that Mr. Bottoms gave were more than I expected." Another student added, "David Bottoms is a professional writer, but he is also a great storyteller who recites his work clearly and follows it with a demonstrative approach."

Before Bottoms read some of his selected poems, he started with a short narration of the origin of inspiration for the poem.

"I wait for the world to speak to me, and when I am done absorbing what I need for the story or poem, I begin," Bottoms said of his writing. Bottoms also commented that writing is not a hobby, a job, or therapy, but it is a literary art.

"Constructing literary art is a

way for one human to communicate with another human being," said Bottoms.

Before the readings, Bottoms used a comical approach and a short narration to each of the selected poems that he read to the students and parents that attended the reading. In his narrations, he explained that life is full of adventure and the smallest bits of what you can experience can tell a tall tale.

After Bottoms left Mercer, he went to Florida State University to earn a PhD. "All that I learned in Tallahassee was how to fish and play golf," Bottoms commented, "I would fish any time that I had a chance." His fishing trips lead him to write "Under the Vulture Tree" which expresses the darker aspects of human and animal nature. In the poem, he describes a river resembling the jungle and vultures as large jurassic creatures perched upon colossal trees that hung to a swamp.

After the reading, David gave some advice to for anyone who wants to write. He said, "Read as much as you can, stay away from television, travel, and experience the possibilities of your life."

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